THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The details are as under:

Portion in Delhi/Haryana-Already four-lane; (36.63Km).	
Portion in Haryana (70.55 Km.)	Approved. Tenders to be called
Portion in Rajasthan (55.32 Km)	Approved. Tenders to be called
Portion in Rajasthan (68.5 Km)	Progress 41.25%
Portion in Rajasthan (17.0 Km)	Nearing Completion

(c) and (d) Position regarding four-laning of Delhi Jaipur is given in part (b).As regards Jaipur-Ajmer section, it will be considered for inclusion in IX Plan subject to availability of funds.

Pollution in River AJI, Rajkot

2233. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen Aparna Borker's news write-up entitled "And lifeless they float" appeared in the Indian Express of 6th August, 1995; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to end the severe pollution of river Aji near Rajkot and at other places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Investigations conducted by Gujarat Pollution Control Board have revealed that there was an overflow from a small reservoir on Khokhad river, a tributary of river Aji, due to heavy rainfall. As a result the fish present in the small reservoir on Khokhad river found its way into the Aji river. The flow in Aji river is mainly on account of domestic waste water. The stagnation of fishes coupled with poor Dissolved Oxygen in the stagnant water has resulted in the mortality of the fish.

Since Aji river is a minor river, it has not been included in National River Conservation Plan. However, Gujarat Pollution Control Board have informed that Rajkot Municipal Corporation is providing sewerage system with sewerage treatment plant which is likely to be operational soon.

Approval of National River Corporation Construction Plan

2234. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will, the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the National River Construction Plan;

(b) if so, the details of the construction programmes proposed to be implemented under the above plan;

(c) the rivers identified in different State for the propose; and

(d) the detail thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Central Government have approved the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) on 3rd July 1995 for the pollution abatement of 18 rivers in their identified polluted streches in 10 States. The approved cost of work under NRCP is about Rs. 722 crores to be shared equally between the Central and the concerned State Governments. The operation and maintenance cost of the facilities will be borne fully by the States.

(c) and (d) The rivers included in the NRCP are Sabarmati in Gujarat; Betwa, Khan, Kshipra, Tapti, Chambal, Wainganga and Narmada in Madhya Pradesh: Mahanadi & B rah mini in Orissa: Satluj in Punjab: Godavari in Andhra Pradesh: Tunga, Bhadra, Tungbhadra and Cauvery in Karnataka; Cauvery in Tamil Nadu: Chambal in Rajasthan: Subarnarekha in Bihar and Krishna and Godavari in Maharashtra.